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SUBJECT: ARMALITE RIFLES

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- 1. BEFORE WE CAN RESPOND TO QUERY REFTEL, WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO PIN DOWN MORE ACCURATELY WHAT OMANIS WANT. PROBLEM IS DESIGNATION QUOTE ARMALITE UNQUOTE IDENTIFIES SEVERAL DIFFERENT WEAPONS RATHER THAN ONE.
- 2. IF OMANGOV WANTS STANDARD U.S.-ISSUE M-16, WHICH IS MILITARY VERSION OF ORIGINAL ARMALITE-DESIGNED AR-15 (AND NOW MANUFACTURED BY COLT), PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES WOULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT THAN IF OMANIS HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND. THERE IS, FOR INSTANCE, THE ARMALITE AR-18, A COMMERCIALLY DEVELOPED MILITARY-TYPE ASSAULT RIFLE WHICH FOLLOWED THE AR-15, BUT WHICHHASNEVER BEEN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADOPTED BY THE U.S. MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT. ARMALITE AND ITS LICENSEES MAKE WEAPONS OF OTHER DESIGNS AS WELL.

3. WITH MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN HAND, WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE BETTER ANSWERS. VANCE

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